

SENATE BILL 1326

By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 16; Title 54 and Title 64, relative to
metropolitan planning organizations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-16-101(c), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(8)

(A) No later than July 1, 2016, and following each decennial census thereafter, restructure the local government official representation on any metropolitan planning organization's policy board according to the following guidelines:

(i) Four (4) representatives from each of the counties located within the boundaries of the metropolitan planning organization that have a population in excess of five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census;

(ii) Two (2) representatives from each of the counties located within the boundaries of the metropolitan planning organization that have a population less than five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census; and

(iii) One (1) representative from any municipality located within the boundaries of the metropolitan planning organization having a population of not less than twenty-five thousand (25,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

(B) The number of votes for any local government official on any metropolitan planning organization's policy board shall be equally weighted and shall not be based on the population of the area represented by each official.

(C) For purposes of this subdivision:

(i) "Local government official" means the elected officials representing any county, municipal, or metropolitan government located within the boundaries of a metropolitan planning organization;

(ii) "Metropolitan planning organization" means an agency that is designated or redesignated by a memorandum of understanding as a metropolitan planning organization in accordance with 23 U.S.C. § 134; provided, that the boundaries of the metropolitan planning organization are located entirely within this state; and

(iii) "Municipality" as used in subdivision () (A)(2) does not include any municipality in any county having a metropolitan form of government and a population in excess of five hundred thousand (500,000).

SECTION 2. This act is intended to supplement 23 U.S.C. § 134. In the event any provision of this act is deemed inconsistent with the requirements of 23 U.S.C. § 134, the federal law shall control.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.